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FM AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1990

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, SO, FR, FG

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER TO SEEK SUPPORT IN WESTERN EUROPE

1. SOMALI MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABDURAHMAN JAMA BARRE PLANS A SWING THROUGH WESTERN EUROPE TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR THE SOMALI CAUSE. THE MINISTER CALLED IN THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC CHARGE ON NOV 22 AND ASKED THEM TO ARRANGE EARLY DATES FOR HIS VISIT. THE GERMANS SUGGESTED THE 25TH WAS A BIT TOO SOON, BUT ARE EXPECTED TO AGREE TO ABDURAHMAN'S VISIT EARLY IN THE WEEK OF NOV 27. PRESUMABLY THE SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER PLANS TO VISIT LONDON AND ROME AS WELL, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT.

2. FRENCH AMBASSADOR MANTEL WHO RETURNED TO MOGADISCIO ON NOV 21
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BROUGHT THE SOMALIS WORD THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE FRENCH POLICY OF NEUTRALITY IN THE OGADEN CONFLICT. HE DID, HOWEVER, OFFER THE GSDR ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THE FRENCH EMBASSY EXPECTS A MEDICAL MISSION TO ARRIVE IN MOGADISCIO SHORTLY.

3. COMMENT: A DISCOURAGING WORD DOES NOT ADVERSELY INFLUENCE THE GSDR THESE DAYS. ALTHOUGH OUR WESTERN DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES TELL

US THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF A CHANGE IN THEIR ARMS SUPPLY
POLICIES WE ARE NOT SURE THAT IS A VALID ASSERTION IN EVERY
CASE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THE SOMALIS ARE WISE ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT
NON-LETHAL ITEMS, SUCH AS THE 60 FIAT LORRIES THE ITALIANS
DELIVERED TO THE NATIONAL POLICE THIS PAST WEEK, MAY BE WORTH
AS MUCH IN THE BATTLE FOR HARAR AS SIXTEEN TANKS SIX MONTHS
FROM NOW. IF ABDURAHMAN CANNOT GET BULLETS, WE SUSPECT HE WILL
NOT BE ALTOGETHER DISAPPOINTED TO COME HOME WITH RENEWED
OFFERS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE INSTEAD. HE, LIKE HIS OTHER
MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES, MUST BE MINDFUL OF THE MAJOR GAPS
RESULTING FROM THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOVIET TECHNICIANS.
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